

GRAND PORTAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT,
BUILDINGS COMPLEX
Off Highway 16, NE tip Lake Superior
Grand Marais
Cook County
Minnesota

HABS NO. MN-76

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Minnesota	COUNTY Cook County	TOWN OR VICINITY Grand Marais
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) GRAND PORTAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT, BUILDINGS COMPLEX		HABS NO. MN-76
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Northeast tip of Lake Superior, Grand Marais; off highway 16		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Reconstructed 1971-73	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Site of one of the most important fur posts on the North American Continent. Selected as headquarters of the North-West Co. of Great Britain because of its excellent location between Lake Superior and the interconnected waterway along Minnesota-Ontario border.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) French "Poteaux sur sole" or post-on-sill		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) square logs hand hewn from local timber		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) great hall is 30' x 95' and 1 1/2 stories high, kitchen is 35' x 27' and 1 1/2 stories, the gatehouse is 13' x 13' and the warehouse is 52' x 19'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE hand hewn timber walls		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) great hall- 2 fireplaces of random coursed fieldstone		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES First est. circa 1778, reconstructed in 1939-1940, later burned and replaced with the current buildings 1971-1973.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE National Monument and historical park, in good condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE *Played a role in the early settlement and historical development of this region and is therefore significant for its association with the fur trade and the exploration and colonization of the northwest.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination, prepared by Thomas P. Busch, Historical Architect National Park Service, April 1976		
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